

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking on the
Commission's Own Motion to Evaluate Existing
Practices and Policies for Processing Offset Rate
Increases and Balancing Accounts in the Water
Industry to Decide Whether New Processes Are
Needed.

Rulemaking 01-12-009
(Filed December 11, 2001)

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S
RULING SCHEDULING ORAL ARGUMENT**

This ruling grants several parties' request¹ for oral argument pursuant to
Rule 8(d) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Oral argument shall be held on:

Friday, September 20, 2002

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Commission Auditorium

State Office Building

505 Van Ness Avenue

San Francisco, California

A. Oral Argument Schedule

Oral argument shall be conducted as follows. Oral argument shall be held
on all issues in this Rulemaking, including but not limited to any draft decisions
which may issue before the oral argument.

¹ The following parties requested oral argument: California Water Association, Great
Oaks Water Company and Southern California Water Company.

As stated in our July 25 ruling, we anticipate that the California Water Association can speak for the water companies on all common issues (i.e., issues which the districts agree on the outcome). Our ruling stated that if a company has a unique issue and wishes to make a brief presentation, it should so state in its request for oral argument. ORA is also invited to participate in the oral argument. We allocate the argument time among participants as set forth below. Parties should understand that the time allocations listed below include the time necessary for any questions that a Commissioner might ask during the parties' presentation. We have also reserved additional time for Commissioner's questions at the conclusion of the parties' presentations.

The schedule is as follows:

Convening the proceeding (five minutes)

ORA's opening presentation (20 minutes)

California Water Association's opening presentation (20 minutes)

Great Oaks Water Company's presentation (five minutes)

Southern California Water Company's presentation (five minutes)

ORA's rebuttal presentation (10 minutes)

California Water Association's rebuttal presentation (10 minutes)

Commissioner's questions not asked during the parties' presentation (15 minutes)

B. Handouts and Briefing Boards

Parties may distribute handouts or use briefing boards² at the oral argument consistent with the following:

- Parties must distribute copies of all handouts or briefing boards they plan to use to the other participants of the oral argument no later than 5:00 p.m., two business days before the oral argument (i.e., September 18 by 5:00 p.m.);
- Parties shall provide copies of handouts sufficient for the Commission and others attending the oral argument;
- Parties using a briefing board shall also provide copies of the briefing board in reduced format sufficient for the Commission and others attending the oral argument;
- Handouts or briefing boards must include citations to record evidence clearly supporting any factual assertions;
- All pages and points should be numbered for ease of reference and to facilitate an understanding of the resulting transcript; and
- Handouts and briefing boards will not be received as exhibits.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The California Water Association, Southern California Water Company, and Great Oaks Water Company's request for oral argument pursuant to Rule 8(d) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure is granted. The Commission shall hold oral argument on Friday, September 20, 2002, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

² The time limitations prevent the convenient use of overhead projectors by the parties.

2. The schedule for the oral argument is set forth in Section A of this ruling.
3. Rules concerning the use of handouts or briefing boards are set forth in Section B of this ruling.

Dated August 29, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ GEOFFREY F. BROWN

Geoffrey F. Brown
Assigned Commissioner

/s/ JANET A. ECONOME

Janet A. Econome
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Assigned Commissioner and Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Scheduling Oral Argument on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated August 29, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ FANNIE SID

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N O T I C E

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